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SUBJECT: ROK ASKS ICAO ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RETURN OF FLIGHT
RECORDERS

REF: A) MOSCOW 9976; B) SEOUL 3973

1. ROK OFFICIALS CONFIRM MAY 12 PRESS REPORT THAT DIRECTOR SUH WON-BAE, DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU OF THE ROK TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY, ON MAY 10 SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION ASKING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ICAO IN OBTAINING THE RETURN OF FLIGHT AND VOICE RECORDERS FROM SOVIET GOVERNMENT. PRESS ACCOUNT ADDS THAT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY VICE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION HAS HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS AND HAS QUESTIONED CREW MEMBERS EXTENSIVELY BUT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE CAUSE OF THE KAL FLIGHT'S NAVIGATIONAL FAILURE WITHOUT THE INFORMATION IN THE RECORDERS.

2. PRESS DISCUSSION HAS ALSO FOCUSSED ON ALLEGATIONS
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THAT AIRCRAFT CREW HAD BEEN NEGLECTING THEIR DUTIES AND "PLAYING POKER" DURING THE FLIGHT. THIS REPORT HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A PROTEST FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, AND HAS BEEN VEHEMENTLY DENIED BY THE CREW MEMBERS AND BUREAU DIRECTOR SUH.

3. BELIEVE ANY DECISION TO RELEASE INFORMATION MUST BE

FIRST DISCUSSED WITH ROKG (REF B).
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